

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 864

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION recognizing the City of Soddy-Daisy on its celebration of March 29 as “Vietnam Veterans Day.”

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are especially proud to recognize and commend those cities in Tennessee that designate days of remembrance and recognition for groups of wholly deserving individuals; and

WHEREAS, Soddy-Daisy is one such city, which on March 29, 2008, and on every March 29 thereafter, will celebrate “Vietnam Veterans Day” in an effort to specially recognize a segment of the American population that has been marginalized or forgotten by altogether too many of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the final 2,500 troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, thereby ending the United States’ involvement in what was the longest war in its history; and

WHEREAS, due to the unpopularity of this war among the American public, the men and women who returned home and the 58,195 brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice by dying in service to their country were never shown the level of respect, honor, and gratitude they deserved; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soddy-Daisy, through it’s recognition of “Vietnam Veterans Day,” seeks to pay homage not only to men and women from Soddy-Daisy who served in the Vietnam War, but also to all Tennesseans who served, and especially to the 1,293 valorous Tennesseans whose names are inscribed upon the black granite face of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize a community that has chosen to recognize the veterans of the Vietnam War with such dignity, aplomb, and grace; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the good people of the City of Soddy-Daisy as they celebrate March 29, 2008, and every March 29 thereafter, as "Vietnam Veterans Day," extend the gratitude of the State of Tennessee to each and every Vietnam Veteran for his or her service to these United States during the Vietnam War, and encourage the citizens of this State to consider this date as an opportunity for reflection on and appreciation of the sacrifices made by these brave men and women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.